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SUBJECT: ARMS EMBARGO ISSUE IN TURKISH PRESS

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1. DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE ARMS EMBARGO RECEIVED
MODERATELY HEAVY, CARRIED PLAY IN WEDNESDAY (JULY 9)
EDITIONS OF THE TURKISH PRESS.

2. MILLIYET GAVE FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINE TREATMENT TO A
WASHINGTON DATED STORY BY CORRESPONDENT SAMI KOHEN, WHO
REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH
150 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WEDNESDAY AS PART OF HIS EFFORT
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TO LIFT THE EMBARGO. THE STORY SAID THAT THE HOUSE INTER-

NATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD DEBATE THE EMBARGO QUESTION LATER WEDNESDAY AND ASSERTED THAT GREEK-AMERICANS WERE ENGAGED IN A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN--INCLUDING A MARCH BY 20 THOUSAND PERSONS IN WASHINGTON--TO PREVENT LIFTING THE BAN.

3. KOHEN ALSO REPORTED THAT WASHINGTON SOURCES TOLD HIM THE UNITED STATES IN A VERBAL MESSAGE HAS AGREED TO NEGOTIATIONS CALLED FOR IN THE TURKISH NOTE OF JUNE 17 AND THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE "PROVISIONAL STATUS" OF U.S. INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY.

4. PRO-RPP BARIS GAVE TOP HEADLINE PLAY TO A TIME MAGAZINE ACCOUNT OF LOBBYING OF THE EMBARGO. MILLIYET AND CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN PLAYED THE SAME STORY ON INSIDE PAGES.

5. HURRIYET, TURKEY'S LARGEST DAILY, CARRIED A BRIEF, WASHINGTON-DATELINED STORY ON PAGE THREE REPORTING PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, GREEK LOBBYING EFFORTS, AND A PRESS CONFERENCE TUESDAY IN WASHINGTON BY TURKISH SENATOR KAMRAN INAN. ON THE SAME PAGE, HURRIYET CARRIED A PURPORTED PICTURE OF "SENATOR" EDWARD BEARD SHAKING HANDS WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS. ACCORDING TO THE NICOSIA-DATELINED STORY, MR. BEARD WAS INVITED BY TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES TO VISIT THEIR PORTION OF THE ISLAND, BUT DECLINED, " BECAUSE THE AHEPA SENATOR WAS AFRAID IT WOULD SPOIL HIS GAME." (SEE REFTEL).

6. IN OTHER COVERAGE, SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN AND LEFTWING YENI ORTAM GAVE FRONT PAGE PLAY TO REPORTS IN THE GREEK PRESS THAT THE UNITED STATES COVERTLY HAS CONTINUED ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY THROUGH ISRAEL AND IRAN.

7. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE EMBARGO ISSUE.
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